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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF.

Subject: "Resources Potential Program" - (Army-Navy Munitions Board Memo).

Reference: Planning Directive No. 14, Memo from Information Branch to Chief, Central Planning Staff, 25 April with 1st. Indorsement, 26 April 1946.

1. In compliance with the instructions in paragraphs 1c(3) and 2d of Planning Directive No. 14 and as further referred to in the 1st Indorsement of 26 April, 1946, the following is submitted:

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a. [redacted] discussed the Army-Navy Munitions Board Memorandum with Mr. Halleck Butts, Ass't Director of Research, Army Industrial College; and [redacted] talked at length with General Sorenson, ANMB, on the same subject. 25X1A

b. General Sorenson disclaimed direct knowledge of how much of the information covered in subject memorandum is already available in ANMB. Based on his wartime experience General Sorenson doubts if very much of the data required is available in their files. In his opinion what is available is probably incomplete or too far out of date to be really useful.

c. Mr. Butts stated that the Army Industrial College (now the Industrial College of the Armed Services) works closely with the ANMB on industrial mobilization, but when dealing with foreign countries the College is concerned with only the broadest aspects of the problem -- primarily the comparative war potential strengths of various nations. The College, he thought, neither had in its files nor had had experience in developing the more exact types of data required by ANMB, which not only follows foreign industrial potentials but has responsibility for planning for the procurement of strategic materials for the Armed Services.

d. It is recommended that an ad hoc committee with membership to include ANMB, the Industrial College of the Armed Services, MID, ONI, State Department and C.I.G. be set up to ascertain:-

(1) What data of the type ANMB requires is already in their files;

(2) What efforts they have made to fill in gaps and;

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(3) How much of the information sufficiently complete and up-to-date for ANMB's purposes is already available in the Washington files of Government agencies, or could be so made available without any substantial changes in present collecting procedures.

e. It is further recommended that when the ad hoc committee recommended in d above has completed its study and submitted its findings, a permanent committee be established under C.I.G. auspices to:-

(1) Determine what information is required;

(2) Determine which agency or agencies should be charged with its collection;

(3) Provide for efficient dissemination to all intelligence agencies requiring such information and;

(4) Determine what agency or agencies should have responsibility for its evaluation and preparation in appropriate form.

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